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Aplocnemus pini (Redt.), not *nigricornis* (F.) (Col.: Melyridae) in Epping Forest, Essex.

In the list of Epping Forest Coleoptera by the late F.D. Buck (1955, *Entomologist's mon. Mag.* **91**: 172-192), the rare *A. nigricornis* (p. 184) is given as widely distributed in the area, while there is no mention of the less rare *A. pini*. I have no doubt, however, that this is an error due to the fact that Joy (1932, *Pract. Handb. Brit. Beetles*, **1**: 431) treats our two species as one under the name *nigricornis*. Actually they are quite distinct, as is now universally recognised (cf., for instance, Allen, 1975, *Entomologist's mon. Mag.* **111**: 210). I have found *pini* more than once in Epping Forest and also not far away at Waltham Abbey and Cheshunt but never *nigricornis*, which I have taken only in East Kent (Orlestone Forest, Ham Street).— A.A. ALLEN, 49 Montcalm Road, Charlton, SE7 8QG.